

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. - 7. (canceled).
8. (new): A cigarette pack comprising at least two blanks, namely an inner blank which surrounds a cigarette group preferably on all sides and an outer pack blank made of paper, thin cardboard or similar material, characterized by the following features:
 - a) the pack blank is provided with at least one opening (36, 37) in the region of at least one pack wall,
 - b) the inner blank has at least one marking (38) – printing or embossing – which in the finished pack lies at least partially in the region of the opening (36, 37) and which is visible through said opening.
9. (new): The cigarette pack according to Claim 8, characterized in that, in a hinge-lid pack, the opening (36, 37) is disposed in a box front wall (12), and the marking (38) is positioned on an inner front wall (27) of the inner wrapper in the region of the opening (36, 37).
10. (new): The pack according to Claim 9, characterized in that the opening (36, 37) is positioned at least partially in the region of a collar front wall (24), it being the case that the collar or collar front wall (24) has a collar opening (39), which is positioned at least partially in

the region of the opening (36, 37) such that the inner blank or the marking (38) is visible from outside the pack.

11. (new): The pack according to Claim 8, characterized in that the opening (36, 37) is applied by stamping during the manufacture of the blank.

12. (new): The pack according to Claim 11, characterized in that that the opening (36, 37) produced by stamping is configured in the shape of a triangle, square, rectangle or circle.

13. (new): The pack according to Claim 10, characterized in that a lower part of the collar or the collar front wall (24), specifically a protrusion (40), projects partially into the region of the opening (37).

14. (new): The pack according to Claim 10, characterized in that the opening (36) of the box front wall (12), the collar opening (39) and the marking (38) each have a circular-shaped contour and are arranged concentrically to one another and have different dimensions.

15. (new): The pack according to Claim 8, **characterized in that** the opening (36, 37) and/or at least the marking (38) remain covered, and therefore not visible from outside the pack, until the pack is used for the first time.

16. (new): The pack according to Claim 15, characterized in that an outer wrapper (14) made of film, which surrounds the pack and which can be detached when the pack is used for the first time, has a cover layer (42) in the region of the opening (36, 37).

17. (new): The pack according to Claim 8, characterized in that the opening (36, 37) is positioned at least partially in the region of a collar front wall (24), it being the case that the

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collar or collar front wall (24) has a collar opening (39), which is positioned at least partially in the region of the opening (36, 37) such that the inner blank or the marking (38) is visible from outside the pack.